



State of Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners

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REGULAR MEETING

September 26, 2007

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Della Estrada, L.Ac., Chairman
Rebecca Wilks, MD, MD(H), Professional Member
Ross Adelman, Public Member (by telephone)
Toni Bennalley, L.Ac., Professional Member
Yong Deng, L.Ac., Professional Member
Diane Pruetz, Public Member (by telephone)
Joe Balensi, L.Ac., Professional Member
Toni Karnas, Public Member

Board Members Absent:

Michael J. Robb, D.C., Professional Member

Attorney General Representative:

Seth Hargraves

Administrative Staff:

Pete Gonzalez, Executive Director

I. Call to Order

Chairman Estrada called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

II. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Board Member Toni Bennalley declared a conflict on the license applications of Margaret A. Celli and Beverly Schauwecker.

Board Member Della Estrada declared a conflict on the certificate application of Rhonda G. Rosenberger.

III. Discussion and Approval of Minutes

Board Member Balensi moved the adoption of the minutes for the August 22, 2007 board meeting with Board Member Bernalley providing a second. The Board approved the motion with a 8-0 vote.

IV. Complaints/Investigations

Complaint #2007-009 (UP) re: Edmund Wong--Wong's Acupuncture Center

Executive Director Gonzalez explained this anonymous complaint filed against Edmund Wong alleging that he is practicing acupuncture without a license. A letter has been sent to Mr. Wong asking him to cease practicing acupuncture until he secures a license. A second letter has been sent to Mr. Wong asking him to explain to the Board on how he intends to address this matter. Included in this letter was notification that he must stop practicing acupuncture immediately.

Assistant Attorney General Hargraves advised the Board on what steps the Board may take on this issue. If Mr. Wong does not cease practicing without a license, an injunction could be sought to prevent Mr. Wong from practicing.

Board Member Balensi moved the motion to wait until hearing back from Mr. Wong on how he will address this matter with a second by Board Member Karnas. The motion was approved 8-0.

V. Consideration of Request for Approval of Acupuncture Program

Oriental Medical Institute of Hawaii

The Board was provided an overview of this program application by the Executive Director. An acupuncture license applicant (Vanessa Morgan) attended and graduated from this institution, but the institution was not accredited at the time so program approval is needed before the license application may be considered by the Board. The school has since closed so the applicant has provided the board with documentation to satisfy board rules for program review and approval.

Board Member Wilks moved for the approval of the Oriental Medical Institute of Hawaii acupuncture program with a second provided by Board Member Bernalley. The motion was approved with a vote of 6 ayes, 1 nay (Board Member Balensi) and 1 not voting (Board Member Estrada).

VI. Applications for Licensure

Board Member Balensi moved for the approval of the applicants for licensure listed below with Board Member Karnas providing a second. The Board approved the motion with a 7-0 vote.

Margaret A. Celli
Beverly Schauwecker

Board Member Wilks moved for the approval of the applicants for licensure listed below with Board Member Bernalley providing a second. The Board approved the motion with a 7-0 vote.

Mary E. Weigel
Vanessa R. Morgan
Mary A. Rodriguez
Nancy Arrowsmith

VII. Applications for Auricular Certification

Board Member Deng moved for the approval of the applicant for auricular certification listed below with Board Member Balensi providing a second. The Board approved the motion 8-0.

Alfonzo X. Lopez
Jay D. Zamora

Board Member Bernalley moved for the approval of the applicant for auricular certification listed below with Board Member Wilks providing a second. The Board approved the motion by a 7-0 vote.

Rhonda G. Rosenberger

Board Member Karnas left the meeting at 2 p.m.

VIII. Other Applications / Requests - Continuing Education

“Treating Cough and Sinusitis in the Dry Western Climate—Managing the Complexities of Year-Round “Autumn Dryness” presented by Dave Teitler, L.Ac. for 7 continuing education units to be provided October 27, 2007 in Phoenix.

Board Member Estrada moved the approval of the above continuing education course with a second by Board Member Bernalley. The motion was approved 7-0.

IX. Professional Business

The Executive Director provided the Board with a presentation on the acupuncture license application process.

X. Executive Director Report

The Executive Director reviewed the written report distributed to the Board. The Executive Director presented the Board with a status report on the number of active Licensed Acupuncturists (438) and certified Auricular Acupuncturists (59) in the state.

Director Gonzalez informed the Board that 780 individuals visited the Board website during the month of August.

XI. Future Meeting Dates

October 24, 2007

November 28, 2007

XII. Call to the Public

Ms. Patricia Martin addressed the Board on a number of topics to include membership of the Arizona Society of Oriental Medicine and Acupuncture (AzSOMA).

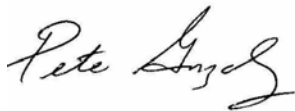
XIII. Discussion of Items to be placed on a future meeting agenda

None at this time.

XIV. Adjournment

Board Member Deng moved for adjournment and Board Member Balensi provided a second. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0. The Board adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pete Gonzalez".

Pete Gonzalez
Executive Director

Approved by the Board: October 24, 2007